



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD
PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING COMMENCING AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF VARIOUS NON-BINDING ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 5, 2024, AND FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF OTHER MATTERS, ALL AS SET FORTH ON THE BELOW AGENDA. THE AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING FOLLOWS:

NOTICE AND AGENDA FOR
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
2ND FLOOR COUNCIL CHAMBERS
125 SOUTH 5TH AVENUE
MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS AN IN-PERSON MEETING.

Options to watch and listen to the public meeting:
Live Stream at Village Website Home Page via Village Facebook and YouTube platforms:
Go to www.maywood-il.org and Click "Video On Demand".
Public comments **can be** submitted electronically to the Village
and any responses will be read into the public meeting record.
Please submit public comments via email in advance of the public meeting to:
cthompkins@maywood-il.gov and nkornegay@maywood-il.gov .

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Invocation**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
5. Public Comment
6. **New Business: None**
 - A. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A NON-BINDING ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTION CONCERNING AN INCREASE BY THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE HOMEOWNER PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION, TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE ELECTORS OF THEN VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024. 3
 - B. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A NON-BINDING ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTION CONCERNING VILLAGE MANAGEMENT OF PARKS AND 7

RECREATION SERVICES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

C. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND REQUIRING THE SUBMISSION OF A NON-BINDING ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTION CONCERNING THE USE OF ANNUAL TAX LEVY FUNDS OF THE MAYWOOD PARK DISTRICT TO CREATE A VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM IN THE EVENT THE MAYWOOD PARK DISTRICT IS DISSOLVED INTO THE VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD, TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT OF THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024. 11

D. KTJ Memorandum dated August 9, 2024, regarding Year 2024 Referendum Filing Deadlines and Advisory Referendum Procedures. 15

7. Board of Trustees Comments/Information

8. Closed Meeting Session

A. Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

B. Probable and Imminent Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

C. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)).

D. "The purchase or lease of real property for use by the Village (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5))"

E. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Village (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)).

9. Adjournment

cc: Mayor Nathaniel George Booker

Trustees: Isiah Brandon
Miguel Jones
Melvin L. Lightford, Sr.
Aaron Peppers
Antonio Sanchez
Rahmaan "Ray" Williams

Acting Village Clerk Tori-Love Garron
Village Manager Frank Torres

The above Public Meeting restrictions are authorized by the Open Meetings Act, the CDC directive (social distancing guidelines) and the Illinois Governor's Disaster Proclamations (Restore Illinois Plan), and Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and his implementation of the "Restore Illinois" Plan and the mask mandate for individuals within indoor public places.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 28-5 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/28-5), Section 3.1-40-60 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60) and the home rule powers as provided by Article VII, Section 11 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Maywood are authorized to adopt a resolution to allow non-binding advisory public questions to appear on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 General Election; and

WHEREAS, Section 28-5 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/28-5) and Section 3.1-40-60 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60) authorize the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Maywood to certify questions of public policy to the election authority having jurisdiction over the Village of Maywood; and

WHEREAS, the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Maywood find that it is in the best interests of the residents, property owners and taxpayers of the Village to approve this Resolution so that the non-binding advisory public question set forth below in Section 2 shall appear on the ballot for the November 5, 2024 General Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO 10 ILCS 5/28-5, 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60 AND ITS HOME RULE POWERS AS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE VII, SECTION 11 OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION OF 1970, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Maywood find and determine that all of the recitals contained in the Whereas paragraphs of this Resolution are full, true and correct and are incorporated by reference into Section 1 of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: The following proposition shall be submitted to the voters of this Village at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024:

PROPOSITION	YES	
Shall the Illinois General Assembly increase the amount of the homeowner property tax exemption to help reduce the property tax burden on the residents of the Village of Maywood?		
	NO	

SECTION 3: The Village Clerk shall, **not less than sixty-eight (68) days** before the regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, certify and deliver to the County Clerk of Cook County the proposition as hereinabove set forth to be submitted to the voters of this Village at said Election. Such certification shall include the form of the public question to be placed on the ballot, the date on which the public question was initiated by the adoption of this Resolution, and a certified copy of this Resolution.

SECTION 4: Notice of said Election (the "Notice") and the referendum shall be given in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Illinois, 10 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq., (the "Election Code") by the County Clerk and by the Election Commission by: (i) **publishing a Notice not more than 30 nor less than 10 days** prior to the date of the Election in a local, community newspaper, having general circulation in the Village, and (ii) **posting a copy of the Notice at least 10 days before the date of the Election** at the principal office of the County Clerk and the Election Commission, all in accordance with Article 12 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/12).

SECTION 5: The Village shall also post a copy of the Notice at the principal office of the Village prior to the date of the Election in a timely manner in accordance with Section 12-5 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/12-5).

SECTION 6: Where an electronic, mechanical or electric voting system ("Electronic Voting System") is used at the Election, a true and legible copy of the specimen ballot label to be used at the Election shall be published and made available for public distribution and shall be supplied to the judges of said Election for posting in the polling places on the date of the Election, as required by Section 24A-18 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/24A-18).

SECTION 7: The President and Board of Trustees of the Village find and determine that the *Chicago Sun Times* is a local, community newspaper having general circulation in the Village as required by Sections 12-4 and 12-5 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/12-4 and 12-5).

SECTION 8: Said Election shall be held and conducted and the returns thereof duly canvassed, all in the manner and the time provided by State law.

SECTION 9: If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution is held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

SECTION 10: All resolutions and parts thereof, in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2024, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

APPROVED this 12th day of August, 2024, by the Village President of the Village of Maywood, and attested by the Village Clerk, on the same day.

Nathaniel George Booker, Village President

ATTEST:

Tori-Love Garron, Village Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Tori-Love Garron, Clerk of the Village of Maywood, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, certify that the annexed and foregoing is a true and correct copy of that certain Resolution now on file in my Office, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. R-2024-_____

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A NON-BINDING ADVISORY PUBLIC QUESTION CONCERNING
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which Resolution was passed by a roll call vote of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Maywood at a Special Village Board Meeting on the 12th day of August, 2024, at which meeting a quorum was present, and approved by the President of the Village of Maywood on the 12th day of August, 2024.

I further certify that the vote on the question of the passage of said Resolution by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Maywood was taken by Ayes and Nays and recorded in the minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Maywood, and that the result of said vote was as follows, to-wit:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

I do further certify that the original Resolution, of which the foregoing is a true copy, is entrusted to my care for safekeeping, and that I am the lawful keeper of the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Maywood, this 12th day of August, 2024.

Tori-Love Garron, Village Clerk

[SEAL]

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SECTION 2: The following proposition shall be submitted to the voters of this Village at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024:

PROPOSITION Shall the Village of Maywood manage all parks and recreation centers in the Village to improve recreational services, eliminate duplicate expenses and reduce administrative costs for the residents of the Village of Maywood?	YES	
	NO	

SECTION 3: The Village Clerk shall, not less than sixty-eight (68) days before the regularly scheduled General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, certify and deliver to the County Clerk of Cook County the proposition as hereinabove set forth to be submitted to the voters of this Village at said Election. Such certification shall include the form of the public question to be placed on the ballot, the date on which the public question was initiated by the adoption of this Resolution, and a certified copy of this Resolution.

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PROPOSITION The Maywood Park District has an annual tax levy of \$700,000. Shall annual tax levy funds of the Maywood Park District be allocated to create a Village of Maywood residential property tax rebate program if the Maywood Park District is dissolved into the Village of Maywood?	YES	
	NO	

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[SEAL]

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Nathaniel George Booker and Board of Trustees, Village of Maywood
FROM: Michael A. Marrs
DATE: August 9, 2024
RE: Year 2024 General Election Referendum Filing Deadlines & Advisory Referendum Procedures

Following are details regarding the Year 2024 deadlines for filing referenda to be placed on the ballot for the upcoming General Election of November 5, 2024. Under the Illinois Election Code, any resolution authorizing a referendum must be adopted not less than **seventy-nine (79)** days before a regularly scheduled election (10 ILCS 5/28-2(c)). Any public question properly filed must be certified to the county clerk not less than **sixty-eight (68)** days prior to any regularly scheduled election (10 ILCS 5/28-5). Therefore, given the date of the upcoming General Election, resolutions must be approved or filed as noted below:

ELECTION DATE	RESOLUTION PASSED ON OR BEFORE (not less than 79 days prior to election date)	CERTIFIED ON OR BEFORE (not less than 68 days prior to election date)
November 5, 2024 (General Election)	August 19, 2024	August 29, 2024

Advisory Questions

Section 3.1-40-60 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/3.1-40-60, provides that **“by a vote of the majority of the members of the city council, the council may authorize an advisory question of public policy to be placed on the ballot at the next regularly scheduled election in the municipality.** The city council shall certify the question to the proper election authority, which must submit the question at an election in accordance with the Election Code.”

Pursuant to Section 28-1 of the Illinois Election Code, “[a]dvisory questions of public policy shall be submitted to referendum pursuant to Section 28-5 or pursuant to a statute which so provides.” 10 ILCS 5/28-1. Section 28-1 also states (emphasis added):

“Irrespective of the method of initiation, not more than 3 public questions other than (a) back door referenda, (b) referenda to determine whether a disconnection may take place where a city coterminous with a township is proposing to annex territory from an adjacent township, (c) referenda held under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension

Limitation Law in the Property Tax Code, (d) referenda held under Section 2-3002 of the Counties Code, or (e) referenda held under Article 22, 23, or 29 of the Township Code **may be submitted to referendum with respect to a political subdivision at the same election.**

If more than 3 propositions are timely initiated or certified for submission at an election with respect to a political subdivision, the first 3 validly initiated, by the filing of a petition or by the adoption of a resolution or ordinance of a political subdivision, as the case may be, shall be printed on the ballot and submitted at that election.

Therefore, the Village may adopt resolutions authorizing up to three (3) advisory questions each election that pertain to one or more public policy topics. At times, State law dictates the content of a referendum question (e.g., certain bond issuances), but, in the case of an advisory referendum, the municipality controls the content. Keys to drafting referendum questions include simplicity, clarity and being concise.

Restrictions On Involvement of Municipal Employees and Officials

The following information is important and should be considered relative to any efforts by the Village, or their elected or appointed officials or employees acting in their official capacities, to promote any referendum. As explained below, **while municipalities may not take any action to suggest support for or against a referendum, they may disseminate factual information relating to a referenda question. Criminal sanctions can be assessed against persons convicted of violating the applicable laws.** The following is a summary of the law pertaining to municipalities promoting referenda:

- Under the Illinois Election Code, municipalities, including their officials and employees, cannot use public funds to urge a voter to vote for or against any proposition. But a municipality may use public funds to disseminate factual information relating to any referendum proposition. 10 ILCS 5/9-25.1(b).
- Violations of Election Code: First time violation is a Class B misdemeanor (maximum \$1,500 penalty plus up to 6 months jail time); and second or subsequent violations are a Class A misdemeanor (maximum \$2,500 penalty plus up to 364 days jail time).
- Under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, municipalities, including their officials and employees, cannot: plan, conduct, or participate in a public opinion poll for or against a referendum question; survey or gather information from potential or actual voters to determine probable vote outcome for or against a referendum question; assist at the polls for or against any referendum question; prepare, circulate, review, or file any petition for or against any referendum question; and distribute, prepare, or mail campaign literature, campaign signs, or other campaign material for or against any referendum question. 5 ILCS 430/1-5(4)-(8), (11)-(13).
- Violations of State Officials and Employees Ethics Act: violation is a Class A misdemeanor (maximum \$2,500 fine, plus up to 364 day's jail time).

Of course, residents or businesses may organize campaigns and spend their own private funds urging votes for or against the referendum. If private expenditures for or against the referendum exceed

Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), the residents or businesses must register with the State Board of Elections as a ballot initiative committee. See 10 ILCS 5/9-1.8(e).

If there are any questions, please contact me.

Michael

Enclosures

cc. Tori-Love Garron, Village Clerk (w/ encls.)
 Frank Torres, Village Manager (w/ encls.)
 Michael T. Jurusik, Village Attorney (w/ encls.)